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2. (Unclassified - GLC) Received a call from Chairman Nedzi, House Armed Services Committee, who said he wished to make an inquiry before he made a request. He went on to say that he and Representative James O'Hara (D., Mich.) will be hosting an educational conference this Thursday and Friday made up largely of school principals and school board members. He asked if Agency officials ever spoke to groups of this sort about CIA. I told him we did indeed talk with various groups including high school and college students as well as others on an off the record basis. I said that members of our office have given these talks and indicated that I was sure Jack Maury or [REDACTED] OTR, would be pleased to speak to such a group under the ground rules I had mentioned. Mr. Nedzi said he would discuss this further with Mr. O'Hara and let me know.

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3. (Confidential - GLC) Mr. Bill Read, OCI, and I met with Representative James Jones (D., Okla.) and brought him up-to-date on the situation in the Middle East. Jones had been unable to be present at the Director's briefing of the Armed Services Committee last Thursday and said he very much appreciated our making a special trip to fill him in. Jones will be making a speech in Oklahoma this weekend and said if we could let him know anything more current just before the weekend he would appreciate it. He is also interested in an unclassified map of the area if we have one that would be appropriate.

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4. (Unclassified - GLC) In response to a request relayed to us through the Secretary of Defense and Tom Latimer, DOD, and after consultation with Marshall Wright, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, [redacted] OCI, and I talked by telephone with Senator Bennett Johnston (D., La.) and two members of his staff (Charles McBride, his Administrative Assistant, and Paul Haygood) late in the evening. The Senator has been considering a trip to the Middle East in connection with his interest in the energy crisis and wanted to talk to us before making a final decision on whether to go. His proposed itinerary would include stops in Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Israel, Algeria, and Libya.

[redacted] advised the Senator about the possible personal risks in these areas, pointing out the possibility of bombings in Israel. The Senator said he would find it difficult to visit the Arab countries if he decided not to go to Israel, but he was concerned about the risk factor there. He said he would probably make a decision tonight as to whether he would cancel his trip. (We learned later that the Senator did decide to cancel his trip, at least for the present.)

5. (Unclassified - PLC) Randy Bowman, in the office of Representative M. Caldwell Butler (R., Va.), called and asked if we could provide a fact sheet or other prepared statements concerning the [redacted]

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[redacted] He requested the information for response to a constituent. I told Bowman that the Agency has a policy of not responding to such allegations. He stated that he understood and would contact the State Department.

6. (Unclassified - PLC) [redacted] called and furnished a telephone number and time when a representative of the Agency could call him to arrange for an interview. I subsequently called [redacted] DCD.

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7. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Dale Shulaw, House Appropriations Committee staff, and finalized the travel voucher for Representative William Minshall. The voucher was later signed by Minshall and turned in to the Committee.

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